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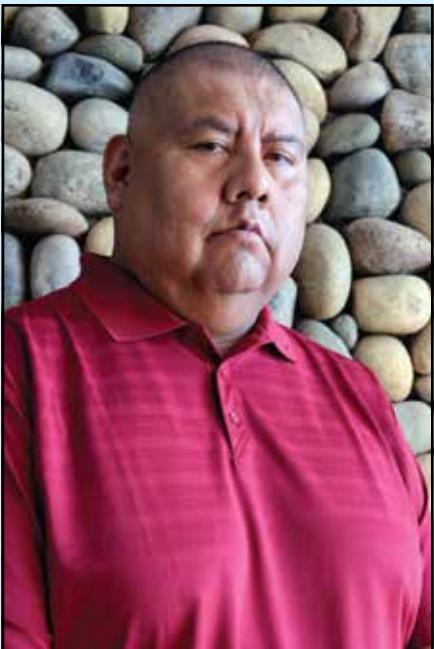
# The Southern Ute Drum

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Lorelei Cloud



Alex S. Cloud

## TRIBAL COUNCIL

# Swearing-in set for Dec. 1

**Staff report**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Friday, Nov. 6 Southern Ute Tribal members went to the polls to vote for two Tribal Councilmember seats. The candidates

in the running for this year's election included: Lorelei Cloud, Kevin R. Frost, Renee J. Cloud, and incumbent Alex S. Cloud. On Monday, Nov. 9 the votes were certified in front of Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

Lorelei Cloud (209 votes) and Alex S. Cloud (195 votes) were the two candidates who received the majority vote (156). The swearing-in of these two candidates will take place Tuesday, Dec. 1: time and location to be announced.

## TRIBAL ENERGY

# Solar plant to be built on reservation

**Damon Toledo**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will continue its expansion of providing renewable energy across tribal land; as of Monday, Nov. 9, the Southern Ute Growth Fund and La Plata Electric Association announced that a proposed solar photovoltaic project has received approval from the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

The project will allow a solar energy facility to be established on 10 acres of tribal land in Oxford, just outside of Ignacio, and will generate energy equivalent to 15 percent offset of the total energy usage at about 10 tribally-owned buildings, or about the equivalent of the electricity consumption at 250 common households.

"A project like this has been a long time coming," Vice Chairwoman Ramona Eagle said after the approval was made. "I'm happy this is

finally happening and that we continue [expanding] solar energy in Indian Country."

The Southern Ute Alternative Energy, LLC (SUAEL), a division of the Growth Fund, has worked with LPEA since the beginning of 2014 on details for connecting the one megawatt solar facility to LPEA's electric distribution lines, with hopes of building more solar facilities in the future once the price of solar energy goes down.

The project has grant funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, which specifies that the project must be built on tribally owned lands and that the electricity generated is for the benefit of the Tribe.

In Jan. 2014, the Tribe was awarded \$1.5 million in grant money to install the solar facility, while matching the funds with \$1.5 million of its own.

"We appreciate the support of LPEA's staff and Board to help make this

project a reality. We are pleased to be able to bring this project and its locally-produced energy to the tribal community," Bob Zahradnik, Southern Ute Growth Fund Operating Director stated.

Solar energy facilities have the tendency of lasting from 25 to 30 years and provides cleaner energy than coal emissions, which is what most of the tribe is powered by.

"From a science point of view, the solar energy facilities hold up well over time. They are more efficient and cheaper than they used to be," Rebecca Kauffman, President of the Southern Ute Alternative Energy said. "The reservation will be seeing cleaner power in the near future thanks to this approval."

The next steps of action for the project are to finalize the specific site on the reservation with a complete detailed design and pass LPEA's engineering review.



courtesy Ula Gregory/War\_Party Clothing Drive

The War-Party Clothing Drive helped Native families on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and the Navajo Nation. The photo shows donations received from the surrounding communities.

## TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

# War-Party Clothing Drive a success

**By Sacha Smith**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Two fully packed U-Hauls filled with clothes and shoes made their way from the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to Wanblee, SD and Navajo Mountain, AZ last month. The War-Party Clothing Drive took place in Ignacio and proved to be a success, judging by the truckloads of clothing donated around Indian Country.

"The last statement made as we closed the doors was 'Ignacio rocks!' They came in caravans," tribal elder Ula Gregory said.

What started out as conversation between Margaret Hummingbird-Red and Gregory, turned out to be a community wide effort to help others in need.

Gregory credits the large turnout to the outreach efforts headed by tribal member Daisy Bluestar, who made flyers and started spreading the word.

Hummingbird-Red said the decision to donate to Wanblee comes from her

personal experience with the location, having traveled to Sun Dances in the area. Wanblee is located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation – where a majority of the Oglala band of Lakota Sioux reside.

"I always had this idea and I know how bad it is there ... they are real spiritual people, but they struggle," Hummingbird-Red said.

On Oct. 22 the War-Party group made the 12-hour trip north to South Dakota. "We took a packed 10-ft long U-Haul, but we could've really used a 20-ft one," Gregory said. "David Lopez and Rodney Red were our drivers."

Sponsoring tribal elder, Donna Rock also made the 735-mile trip north.

"I was happy we had taken that up there, they needed it," Rock said.

Hummingbird-Red agreed, "They were very appreciative ... reservation to reservation there are no boundaries on what we can do for each other."

After coming home, there were still multiple

bags of clothes leftover, as well as a horse trailer full of donations that came in from two gentlemen, Long Solider and John Hunch.

Gregory was able to find a location for the donations left over. This time around, they were prepared and opted for the 20-ft U-Haul, she said.

Gregory and other volunteers delivered the remainder of the clothes to Navajo Mountain, concluding this year's War-Party Clothing Drive.

Gregory said she still has left over toys in her house that were donated and is thinking that next month she may make another trip out to Navajo Mountain.

The community wide support helped make the clothing drive possible. The group pitched in their own money along with monetary donations from multiple people including the Southern Ute Tribal Council to make the trips possible.

"It was a good trip, I loved the adventure," Gregory said.

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## Veterans, front and center!



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Veterans from the Four Corners region and beyond pose for a group photo prior to the Grand Entry of the Southern Ute Veterans Powwow in the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The annual powwow was held in the Event Center, Saturday, Nov. 7. **More Veterans photos can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this issue.**

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund New Hours

### Departments open from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Natural Resources  
Wildlife Resource Management  
Tribal Information Services  
Tribal Housing  
Social Services  
Vocational Rehabilitation  
Tribal Services

### Departments open from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tribal Court  
Lands Division  
Finance  
Tribal Health Department (various sections)  
Human Resources  
Management Information Systems  
Building Maintenance  
Division of Gaming Administration  
Environmental Programs  
Dental Clinic (3 days a week)  
Public Health Nursing

### Departments open from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Legal Services

**Remaining Departments/Divisions will be open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**



TRIBAL LITERATURE

# Maria’s Bookshop to host tribal elder

*Joseph Rael Sr. promotes newest book*

**By Sacha Smith**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal elder and author, Joseph Rael Sr. is not slowing down. At 80-years-old he’s still accomplishing goals many of us will only dream of accomplishing. Rael has written numerous books with his newest, “Being & Vibration: Entering the New World” on sale now at Maria’s Bookshop in Durango, Colo. You can catch Rael talking about his book next Thursday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Maria’s Bookshop.

In his new book, Rael expands on a previous book, “Being & Vibration.”

“I wanted to emphasize what I had said in [Being & Vibration], therefore I kept the same title.”

“Being & Vibration” has received much praise from numerous readers.

“Outstanding as a volume which brings American Indian philosophy and wisdom into today’s world,” Awareness Magazine said about the book.

Rael said the reader doesn’t need to read the previous books in order to enjoy his newest release.

“Its very easy, I use simple words and lots of examples on being and vibration,” Rael said. “My books promote being in touch with the creator and being in touch with the Sun.”

He was born on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, but as a little boy went to live with the Picuris Pueblo in North Central New Mexico, where his father was from. Spending much of his childhood there, he learned to speak the Tiwa language and learned and lived the culture and traditions of the Picuris people. After moving back to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Rael began practicing his Southern Ute traditions by Sun Dancing and Bear Dancing.

Rael recalls when he started having visions and from that point on he began writing them down until he wrote his first book, which was published overseas in England.

“I had trouble finding publisher in the United States to publish my first book. They thought I was lying or making up my visions,” Rael said. “The English people took it, but not

before they came and visited me here on the Southern Ute Reservation ... and understood that I was Native American and that I was made up of the culture.”

Though Rael suffered from learning difficulties early in his life, due to a head injury he suffered as a boy, he has gone on to accomplish great things. In addition to the success of his books and artwork, Rael received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of New Mexico and a Master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin.

“I grew up in a political world and traditional world of prayer,” he said.

To hear more about his life and how it influences what he writes the public is invited to join Rael at his book reading next week.

Following is an excerpt from chapter three of “Being & Vibration: Entering the New World”.

“When one grows up in the ancient teaching everything is metaphor and everything is a resonating energy at the Great Spirit, then all life is sacred.”



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Juniors and seniors taking English IV at Ignacio High School produce and broadcast a weekly show on KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 called “The Show”. Students talk about teen issues and current issues. Pictured here are Audio Technician Anthony Ortiz and Anchorwoman Lindsay Nelson. Waiting to do their segment are seniors Shonda Abetya and Lindsay Jones.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 10, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Ground control to Chairman Burch... Vice Chairperson Vida Peabody joined the Chairman last Friday in taking in an aerial view of Black Horse Canyon prescribed burn. The tribal Wildlife Department hired Arches Helicopter in an effort to videotape for future reference and to show Tribal Council how the desired effects of wildlife habitat improvement were achieved.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 10, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Regular Wildlife Conservation Officers take time out for a pose; (l-r) Johnny Weaver and Dewitte Baker.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 15, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## LOCAL UPDATE

### Tribal member wood orders

It is once again the season for tribal members to order wood from the forestry division. Wood orders will be taken Monday thru Friday, please call 970-563-04780 & remember wood pick up days are Mondays and Wednesdays and wood deliveries to elders and approved members are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No pick-ups or deliveries on Fridays so fuels crew can split wood, restock and clean equipment. Thank you, Forestry Division.

### NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2015

#### BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

American Indians and Alaska Natives enrich every aspect of our country. As the first to live on this land, Native Americans and their traditions and values inspired – and continue to inspire -- the ideals of self-governance and determination that are the framework of our Nation. This month, we recognize the contributions made by Native Americans since long before our founding, and we resolve to continue the work of strengthening government-to-government ties with tribal nations and expanding possibility for all.

Native Americans have helped make America what it is today. As we reflect on our history, we must acknowledge the unfortunate chapters of violence, discrimination, and deprivation that went on for far too long, as well as the effects of injustices that continue to be felt. While we cannot undo the pain and tragedy of the past, we can set out together to forge a brighter future of progress and hope across Indian Country and the entire American landscape.

Since I took office, I have worked with tribal leaders to write a new chapter in our nation-to-nation relationship. Ensuring young people have every opportunity to succeed is a critical aspect of our work together, and this year my Administration hosted the inaugural White House Tribal Youth Gathering following the launch of Generation Indigenous – an initiative aimed at improving the lives of Native youth and empowering the next generation of Native leaders. We will also host the seventh White House Tribal Nations Conference later this year, bringing together leaders of 567 tribes to explore opportunities for progress, with a particular focus on young people. As part of our agenda for providing Native youth the chance to realize their fullest potential, I have engaged tribal communities in a range of critical areas, and we have worked together to boost high school graduation rates and afford young people more chances to pursue higher education, employment, and professional development opportunities. We’re also working to expand access to health and counseling services essential to ensuring youth feel safe and heard.

My Administration has continued to partner with tribes to address vital gaps in resources for Indian Country, including equipping communities with broadband, rebuilding infrastructure, spurring economic growth, and increasing renewable energy. To confront the peril of a changing climate, we are also working with tribal leaders across America to develop effective approaches to protecting our communities from this grave threat. And because we know that fostering pride in the languages, traditions, and practices that make up the extraordinary richness of Native American culture is central to our shared progress, my Administration remains committed to ensuring every community feels connected to the extraordinary legacies they are a part of.

This month, let us reaffirm our responsibility to ensure each generation is defined by a greater sense of opportunity than the last, and let us pledge to maintain our strong relationship with tribal nations across America. By keeping this commitment, and by endeavoring to shape a future in which every citizen has the chance to build a life worthy of their hopes and dreams, we can ensure that ours is a country that is true to our spirit and to our enduring promise as a land where all things are possible for all people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA**, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 27, 2015, as Native American Heritage Day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

**BARACK OBAMA**

## MUSEUM UPDATE

### Attention local artisans

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation to local Ute artist to come and display/sell their work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue

for your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would like to reserve a place for your art in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!



## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

# Water Life's Flow Soil Provider of Generations

*What collaboration can create!*

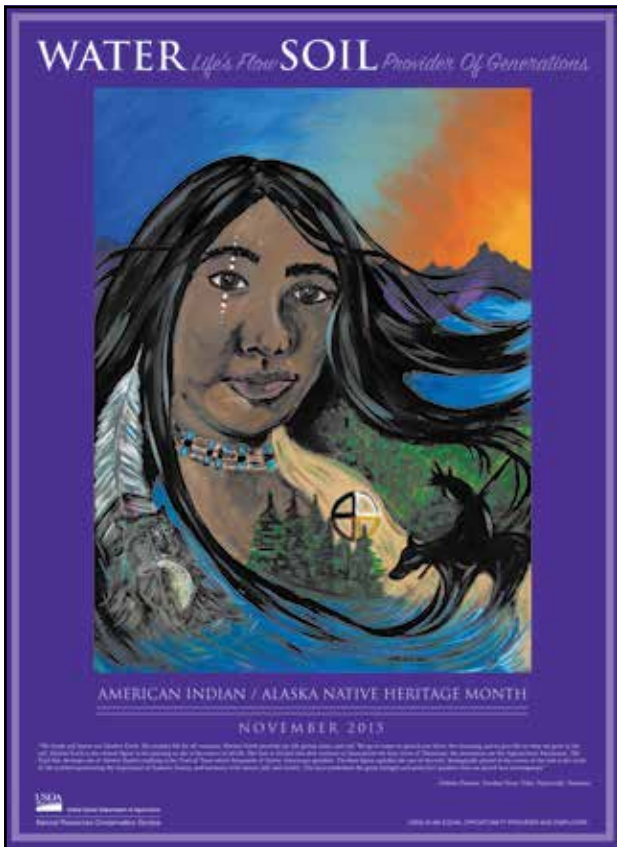
## Staff report

NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION SERVICE

"Water Life's Flow Soil Provider of Generations" is this year's theme for the American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster. With the help of many individuals across many states, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has a poster that represents the importance of balance, beauty, and harmony with nature, self and society.

NRCS American Indian Alaska Native Special Emphasis Program Manager (AIAN SEPM)/ District Conservationist Mitchell Aman collaborated with local Tribal Communities, NRCS Georgia AIAN SEPM/Public Affairs Specialist Ron Morton, NRCS Tennessee Public Affairs Specialist Carter Harris and Grace Lutz, Assistant State Conservationist for Management and Strategy, Rachel Bush, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design for Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee, and NRCS National AIAN SEPM/Soil Conservationist Deborah Clairmont to create the 2015 American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster.

Each year, NRCS supports and reaches out to Tribes by creating the AI/AN Heritage Month Poster for November to celebrate and recognize American Indian and Alaska Native culture. A rotational list by NRCS regions opens the door for all states and tribes to participate. This year, the poster contest made its way to the Southeast Region



where the NRCS Southeast Region American Indian Work Group selected Tennessee as the state to hold the contest.

Aman reached out throughout Tennessee with local Tribal Communities advertising the American Indian Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster Contest to Tribal Members. Many may have thought he would not get any responses since there are no Federally Recognized Tribes, however through the Relocation Act in 1956 (relocating AIAN to urban areas) there are pocket AI/AN communities everywhere. Today, many tribal members have moved back to their homelands and live off reservations.

After much deliberation, Dakota Duncan, artist from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe now living in Fayetteville,

TN was selected as the winner of the AIAN Heritage Month Poster Contest and received \$2,000 for his artwork.

Many thanks go to Rachel Bush, who volunteered many hours of her personal time to help with the graphic layout of Duncan's artwork developing it into a poster. Rachel entered beautiful artwork in the American Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage Month Poster Contest that was not selected. She graciously offered her assistance in an effort to preserve her Cherokee Heritage.

The American Indian Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster will be printed and distributed between late September and early October 2015. You can acquire a poster through the NRCS Distribution Center.

## Youth craft shawls



photos/SU Drum

Tribal member Jennifer GoodTracks demonstrates how to hem the edges of a shawl as tribal member youth; Tauri Raines and Grace Gonzales look on.



Tribal member Grace Gonzales irons her shawl before hemming it on Thursday, Nov. 5 during a youth shawl making class hosted by the Southern Ute Culture Department.

## Story time with Russell



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Ignacio Community Library held a story telling event for the community featuring Southern Ute tribal elder, Russell Box Sr. Friday, Nov. 6. Box shared stories that were passed on from his elders, including the story of Bigfoot.

## CULTURAL UPDATE

### Language Revitalization meeting

Southern Ute Language Revitalization and Prevention Community Meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Presentation by Dr. Stacey Oberly: Language revitalization Refreshments will be provided. The Southern Ute Cultural Department and Ute Language 105 would like to cordially invite the Southern Ute Tribal Council and Southern Ute tribal members to the first of the series of meetings to develop a master plan that addresses language revitalization and preservation of the Southern Ute Language. If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Marge Barry at 970-563-4802 or Dedra White at 970-759-1192.

### November 2015 Culture Events

- **Nov. 16,** Conversational Ute Class: Small classroom, noon lunch hour.
- **Nov. 22,** Family Ute Class: Small classroom, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m..
- **Nov. 18,** Youth Cooking Class: 2 – 5 p.m., Ages 9-17 years, class limit 10.
- **Nov. 20,** Elder Lunch: Large & small classroom. Noon – 2 p.m. Movie TBA.
- **Nov. 16, 23, 30:** Ute Language 105 Class: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

All sessions are held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum's classroom areas and are subject to change. If you have any questions, please call the Culture Dept. at 970-563-0100, or 970-563-4802, or email Marge Barry at mbarry@southernute-nsn.gov.



# Culture Department

## Elder Luncheon

### November 20, 2015

## Cultural Center

## Large Classroom

## Noon—1:30 PM

**Lunch Menu**

**Stew & Cornbread**

**Jello**



**Questions?**  
Call the Culture Dept. at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620.

## Southern Ute Tribal Members Cultural Art Exhibit

NOVEMBER 20, 2015  
CULTURE CENTER  
LARGE CLASSROOM  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



In recognition of Native American Heritage Month, the Culture Department will be hosting a display of art and other items handcrafted by Southern Ute tribal members.

Bring your beaded items, breast plates, old photos, Beadwork challenge items, items made from the culture classes, quilts, and shawls, to the Culture Office by November 19, 2015.



If you have any questions call the  
Culture Department 970-563-0100. EXT. 3620

TRIBAL HEALTH

## Patient-centered medical home at Health Center

*Staff report*  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH DEPT.

There are some exciting changes happening at the Health Center! We are listening to your feedback and changing the way we provide care to better meet our patients’ needs with a focus on quality.

### WHAT IS A PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME?

A patient-centered medical home is a model of care that strengthens the patient-clinician relationship by replacing episodic care with coordinated care and a long-term healing relationship. Each patient that has been using the clinic for medical care has been assigned a Primary Care Provider who is part of a team along with nurses, pharmacy, medical records, behavioral health and another medical provider. You will be paneled to a team of healthcare professionals who will all be helping to take care of you. Find out which team you are on and get to know them.

We want to encourage patients to come to the clinic when they are not only sick, but on a regular basis so we can focus on chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease and cancer prevention. We would like to provide more complete care and prevention. Of course,

### The teams at the SUHC

Team A:	Team B:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diane Crea, FNP</li><li>• Marjorie Cristol, MD</li><li>• Ehrin Parker, DO</li><li>• Lee Williamson, RN</li><li>• Margo Yeager, RN</li><li>• Lynn Schmiedel, RN</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Julianna Reece, MD</li><li>• Marcy Patton-Meier, NP</li><li>• Loni Acevedo, RN</li><li>• Kaylan Gardner, RN</li></ul>

Other parts of each team include Pharmacists, Case Manager/Care Coordinator, Behavioral Health, Medical Records and Scheduling, Radiology, Lab, Diabetes Educators, Fitness Specialists, Public Health Nurses, Community Health Representatives (CHR), Contract Health and referrals.

if you are sick, we will assess you and get you in to see your provider based on the severity of the situation, but we want to encourage patients to be more active in their own health and schedule visits, show up on time and not rely on walking-in. This will be safer and better for you both now and in the long run. This will help us be more efficient and decrease wait times.

Each provider will have time to see patients who have scheduled ahead of time for chronic disease management and for acute “sick” visits. We encourage patients to call the clinic to be fit in a slot for a sick visit if needed so that wait time is decreased. If your provider is unavailable, you may be seen by another member of the team or schedule the next available appointment, depending upon the urgency of the situation. We may

even be able to address your concern with expertise of our Registered Nurses, Clinical Pharmacists and referral specialists who can provide some types of care and keep your primary provider informed.

The Teams can help connect you to specialists and other parts of our healthcare system such as Dental, Optometry, Audiology, Nephrology, Endocrinology, Psychiatry, Rheumatology, Peaceful Spirit, Sun Ute, Social Services and other outside specialists.

The most important member of the team is YOU. You are an active part of the Team and the center of the whole healthcare experience. You know yourself best and we want you to work hand-in-hand with your team to ensure you are getting the care you need at the time you need it.

TRIBAL HEALTH

## Tribe promotes breast cancer awareness

*Staff Report*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Tuesday, Oct. 6 the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council made an honorary proclamation that the month of October on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation would be recognized as Southern Ute Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Wanting to bring more awareness to the reservation and the Ignacio community the tribe encouraged all community members to honor and recognize the resilience of those living with, and those who have died from breast cancer

“We need to keep moving forward and we should always keep those who are fighting breast cancer and those who have passed in our hearts.” Vice Chairwoman Ramona Eagle said.

The American Cancer Society states that in 2015 an estimated 231,840 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed.

The American Cancer Society also states that of those diagnosed 40,290 are expected to die. Women are not the only sex that can be diagnosed with breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society 2,350 men are diagnosed and 440 will die from the disease.

With the overwhelming number of diagnosis and deaths that occur each year the number one priority of the tribe is to educate and support its community.

“It’s refreshing to see people in leadership take a proactive roll in prevention,” Robin Duffy-Wirth, Fitness Director at SunUte Community Center said.

With that, a month long awareness campaign was erected. Employees bonded together and wore pink throughout the month, screening times were made available to tribal employees through the tribes CHR Department, and in cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed. the tribe hosted, “Make a

Pledge Day.”

On this day employees and community members were able to come out and make a pledge to better their health and support cancer awareness. The pledge also included a one-mile walk followed by snacks provided by Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.

“This Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign the tribe is doing is only going to get bigger and better, if we as a tribe and as the Permanent Fund can come together and support each other we will be able to make positive strides in the effort to beat breast cancer,” Trennie Collins, public relations coordinator of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe said. “I feel like it’s our job to support and bring awareness to our community ... I would like to thank, SunUte Community Center, CHR Department and Shining Mountain Health and Wellness for all their help in making everything a success”

### Being healthy is fun



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

SUIMA students stretch with SunUte Fitness Director Robin Duffy-Wirth as a part of SunUte’s booth at the health fair. SunUte promoted healthy eating, living and exercise. The Health Fair was held at Sky Ute Casino Resort’s Event Center on Nov. 10.



Koda Mae Rima puts on SUPD’s beer goggles and tries to walk in a straight line at this years Health Fair



Jess Baidwan, Custodial Services Supervisor peeks at Patricia Jacket’s hands to see how she did at washing them under a black light, if you took the challenge you received a prize.

TRIBAL HEALTH

## Casino raises awareness for cancer

*By Sacha Smith*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Thursday, Nov. 5 the Sky Ute Casino Resort held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cancer Awareness Event bringing awareness and information to the tribal employees from the casino, Growth Fund and Permanent Fund.

“We’ve been doing this for four years in an effort to bring awareness to our tribal employees about the resources that are available in the county for the community ... there are a lot of local services available,” Annie McGraw, Sky Ute Casino Resort employee relations specialist, said.

The Casino saw a better turnout this year with around 200 people attending the event, McGraw said.

The ever-popular money booth is always a highlight of the event. This year, three casino employees and one American Cancer Society employee got in the money booth.

“The total amount of money grabbed this year



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Charley Flagg, general manager of the Sky Ute Casino Resort accepts the silver crystal award on behalf of the casino from the Relay For Life of La Plata County.

was \$3,380,” McGraw said. “The casino matched that for a total of \$6,760 being donated.”

All the money donated is to be spent locally, she said.

To top off the event, Charley Flagg, general manager of the casino accepted the silver crystal award on behalf of the casino. The Relay For Life of La Plata County presented the award to the casino for being the presenting sponsor at the

annual Relay For Life event held at Ft. Lewis College.

“It’s really important, as you know the number of cancer issues that have affected us directly, not just here at the casino but the tribe as a whole. So we like to support those and help educate our employees and community members.”

For last year’s Relay for Life event, the casino donated around \$8000, McGraw said.

### BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

Have you had Bariatric Surgery?

Would you like to have some support?



Before After

If you have had bariatric surgery for weight loss and would like to be part of a support group please call Kaylan Gardner 970-799-6223.

## TRIBAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

*Saturday November 21, 2015*

*Sky Ute Casino Events Center 11:30am-3pm*

THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL THANKSGIVING DINNER IS OPEN TO SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS & FAMILIES ALONG WITH UTE MOUNTAIN UTE AND NORTHERN UTE MEMBERS

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL ELDERS WISHING TO HAVE THEIR FOOD DELIVERED PLEASE CONTACT DARLENE FROST @ 970-563-0100, ext. 3620, SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE DEPT., or GLORIA FROST @ 970-563-0100, ext. 2323, SOUTHERN UTE ELDERS DEPARTMENT.



## TRIBAL HEALTH

# Pertussis “whooping cough” a preventable disease on the rise

**Staff report  
APIC**

Pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, is a serious respiratory illness characterized by an infectious cough. Although most of us were vaccinated against it as children, our ability to fight it off weakens, leaving us once again susceptible as adults. Pertussis is very contagious and can be quite serious, especially for infants less than one year of age.

## WHY IS THERE A CONCERN NOW?

Recently the number of pertussis cases has risen significantly, particularly in California where the state has declared it an epidemic. Pertussis outbreaks are also occurring in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. As of July 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported a 24 percent increase in pertussis cases compared with the same time period in 2013.

There are many factors that may account for the rise in pertussis cases:

- Not all babies are getting the vaccinations to protect them.
- Protection against whooping cough from early childhood vaccination decreases over time, and teens and adults can become infected repeatedly.
- Pertussis rates among adults have risen 400% since 1990.
- Children, teens, and adults with undiagnosed pertussis can spread the disease to others.

## HOW IS PERTUSSIS SPREAD?

Pertussis is a year-round disease that peaks in fall and

winter during cold and flu season. Caused by a germ found in the mouth, nose, and throat, it spreads when people with the illness cough or sneeze close to others who breathe in the droplets.

## WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS?

Pertussis usually starts with cold symptoms (runny nose, sneezing, mild fever, and cough). This is called stage 1 and lasts for about two weeks. In stage 2, the coughing becomes more severe and frequent, and the “whooping” sound is heard.

People with pertussis may have 15-24 coughing attacks a day. After an episode, the person often vomits and feels very tired. Between episodes, there may be no signs of illness. This stage can last for weeks or months, which is why pertussis is sometimes called the “100-day cough.” Stage 3 lasts about 2-3 weeks, as the person gradually gets better with less and less coughing.

If you have been vaccinated, you can still get pertussis; however, the infection will be less severe. If you or your child develops a cold that includes a severe cough, or a cough that lasts for a long time, it may be pertussis. The best way to find out is to visit your doctor. If your doctor tells you that you have pertussis, your body will have a natural defense (immunity) against future infections. However, this immunity can fade and does not offer life-long protection. You should get routine vaccinations as recommended.

## IMMUNIZATION

The best way to protect against pertussis is to get vaccinated. Adults should be immunized to protect

children, especially babies. Getting vaccinated is especially important for families with and caregivers of new infants. Many infants are infected by older siblings, parents, or caregivers who might not even know they have whooping cough.

Babies are most vulnerable before they can have their first vaccine against pertussis at two months of age. Children are not fully protected until they have received the complete course of vaccination by age seven.

The CDC recommends a single pertussis booster for any adult aged 19 to 64 who is in close contact with a baby, particularly parents, grandparents, babysitters, and healthcare workers who work with infants. Adults who didn't get the tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) booster vaccine as a pre-teen or teen should get one dose of Tdap instead of their next regular tetanus and diphtheria (Td) booster vaccine.

Pregnant women should get one dose of Tdap during each pregnancy, between weeks 27 and 36. The CDC also recommends the Tdap booster vaccine to protect adolescents between the ages of 11 and 18.

## ANTIBIOTICS

Your healthcare provider may recommend preventive antibiotics if you have been in close contact with a person with pertussis, regardless of your age or vaccination status. This might prevent or reduce the chance of getting this infection. A close contact is anyone who has had face-to-face contact or shared a small space for a long period of time with an infected person, or had direct contact with respiratory secretions (from coughing or sneezing) from an infected person.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

### Ayden Barry

My name is Ayden Barry. I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a 2nd grader. My favorite subjects in school are science and computers.

My parents are LeNora Martinez and Preston Barry. I like participating in sports and family fun. In addition, I want to be a pet trainer when I grow up.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of October because I'm a good student and respect my teachers and classmates.

## EDUCATION UPDATE

### Curing Cancer with Crafts

“Curing Cancer with Crafts” is back! The craft fair will be held at Ignacio High School on Nov. 14. If you are interested in reserving a space (\$10/space), to sell your crafts or for more information contact Deb Otten 970-563-0661.



## SOBRIETY MEMORIAL WALK

NOVEMBER 14, 2015

10:00 A.M.

A Special Memorial Walk for our loved ones; friends and family to the community; Ben Velasquez, Randy “Pooh” Baker Jr., Ricky “Ricks” Baker, and Clayton Baker. We would also like to extend our walk in remembrance of others we hold in our hearts who have passed on. We invite everyone to join us in prayer on this special day.



THE HEART OF HEALING...

Start Point Sky Ute Casino Resort in the South Parking Lot. Walk will end at the South End of Ignacio at Rock Creek...

In Loving Memory of...

Ben Velasquez  
Randy “Pooh” Baker  
Ricky “Ricks” Baker  
Clayton Baker

Healing Spirits is asking everyone to wear Blue T-Shirts...

For more information please contact Healing Spirits Representatives:  
Sky Dawn: (970)749-7030  
Daisy Blue Star: (970)403-2546

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For more information contact Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger at the Southern Ute Educational Department at 970.563.0237 X2784. / jhunstiger@southern-ute.nsn.us

IGNACIO  
HIGH SCHOOL  
THEATER  
DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS

THIS IS A TEST

Saturday November 21st  
7pm – 8pm  
New Ignacio High School  
Auditorium.

Refreshments served from  
6:30pm to 7pm

Admission for our inaugural performance on the new stage will be free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

IGNACIO COMMUNITY

# ELHI opens its doors to an old, new building

By Robert L. Ortiz  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Refurbish, reuse, re-new, repurpose ... either way you say it, it's always a good thing when we use something that otherwise could have been thrown out, discarded or demolished after it's initial purpose is fulfilled.

Sometime we save wrapping paper, boxes, tins, plastic jugs, but how often do we repurpose a building?

The Education, Literacy, Health and Inspiration (ELHI) Association did just that. They repurposed the former Ignacio Elementary School.

The building once served it's purpose as a learning establishment for the Ignacio children, Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, from the 1948 until February 2014.

The Ignacio School district built two new schools in that time, that now serve as the Ignacio Middle School and the Ignacio Elementary School on Candelaria Heights.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony

and open house was held to commemorate the newly purposed building on Friday, Oct. 30.

ELHI Board members were in attendance to cut the ribbon, as well as Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost and Southern Ute Brave, Dewayne Hendren and Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Chairman Issac Suina.

Chairman Frost offered a prayer for the ELHI building and it's tenants.

An open-house ensued after the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and stamp cards were handed out at the door for patrons to receive a stamp from the various organizations within the ELHI building, which were then placed in a box and drawn for the various prizes being offered after the community meal and costume contest.

ELHI Board Chairman Raymond Dunton, who cut the ribbon and assumed emcee duties, said, "ELHI wants to work with people who are passionate about what they are doing."

"We brainstormed with

the organizations here, about occupying space and operating in the building," Dunton said. "It began to grow, it became organic, and let the pieces fall as they may in order for growth to take place in a very natural way."

The meal was sponsored by Pine River Shares (PRS), "who create healthy, thriving communities in the Pine River Valley by providing strategic connection and support to parents and caregivers."

A Pine River Shares organizer, who wished to remain anonymous, said that PRS are thrilled to have fed about 400 people, and hope to do it again.

PRS offers a multitude of services up and down the Pine River Valley, within the river-shed or "people-shed," there are about 13,500 people in 725 square miles.

"When we share, nobody goes without," the PRS organizer said. PRS has monthly dinners, a free clothing closet, a food pantry, and a back-pack project and offers medical and family equipment in Bayfield



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

ELHI Association Chairman, Raymond Dunton cuts the ribbon, officially opening the ELHI Community Center on Friday, Oct. 30. Standing alongside Southern Ute Tribal Council, SCSYAC and Southern Ute Royalty members, as well as Ignacio Town Board members and ELHI board members. The ribbon cutting ceremony was followed by an open house. The new ELHI building was once the Ignacio Elementary building, and recently the Ignacio High School.

but soon hopes to set up shop in Ignacio in the very-near future.

You can contact Pine River Shares at 970-884-4747 and/or follow them on Facebook and twitter for upcoming events and updates.

The ELHI building still serves as a place of learning, incorporating health and inspiration. The building that once housed, classes in art, reading, writing, arithmetic and science, now house The Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center, Hope Community Christian Academy, the Ignacio Community Church, Studio 28 – La Plata County Independent Youth Performing Arts, Silver SPRUCE Academy and the Southern Ute Community Action programs (SUCAP) Youth Services.

Dancing Spirit: Hosting classes in community media, and performing arts, year-round group and personal classes, and on-going pottery workshops, as well as a community arts gallery.

Studio 28: Offers fun educational competitive and non-competitive arts related activities, for youth ages 4 through 21, including 'Winterguard.'

Silver SPRUCE Acad-

emy: Offers educational programs and courses for students and families in the Four Corners, collaborating with other educational organizations.

The ELHI building is occupied by two church organizations, The Hope Community Christian Academy and the Ignacio Community Church.

The Hope Community Christian Academy: Is a non-denominational National Association of University-Model Schools (NAUMS) offering education from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Ignacio Community Church: Is an uplifting non-denominational hosting worship services, community events, volunteer projects and Sunday school serving breakfast.

SUCAP Youth Services: Offering Middle and High School youth programs including 'Club Venture', an adventure education adaptation of National Indian Youth Leadership Project venture and 'Curiosity' offering after-school enrichment.

SUCAP Youth Services in collaboration with Magic Brush sponsored the haunted house, during Halloween festivities.

The Ignacio Historical So-

ciety doesn't officially have a room in the ELHI building but they do occupy space, displaying many photos depicting the history Ignacio.

Laura Whitt, vice-president said, "I'm in charge of gathering photos, we are always looking for photos of Ignacio's history," she said. "We are trying to put together a book."

Whitt added, "the hardest part of receiving photos without names and dates is figuring out who is in the photo and gaining rights to publish it, without names and dates the time is consumed tracking this information down."

If you have photos of Ignacio please contact Laura Whitt or Lovvis Downs-Glass at 970-563-9201.

ELHI's mission is to unify the community and support personal wellbeing by providing wellbeing by providing safe, holistic opportunities that support education, skill building and resiliency. Their vision is to model collaboration and the unification process in a collectively supportive environment.

If you need a place to host a special event, meeting, classes or private gatherings –parties, etc., contact ELHI at 970-563-4100 or via email [elhicenter@gmail.com](mailto:elhicenter@gmail.com).



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Pine River Shares fed about 400 people during the ELHI open house. Pine River Shares currently is based out of Bayfield, but hope to move into the new ELHI building soon.

## HOW DOES Leonard C. Burch INSPIRE YOU?

### HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO CONTEST

Contest ends December 10, 2015

**Rules are simple:**

1. Take a photo
2. Write a caption for the photo on how LCB inspires you
3. Upload to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and use the hashtag #LCBInspired

Photos without captions will not be considered for prizes.  
Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place photos.

Students who do not have access to any social media can print their photo with a caption and bring it to The Southern Ute Drum Office at the Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO.

Any questions contact Trennie Collins, Public Relations Coordinator at 970-563-0118 or [tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov).

**\*\*\*CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY\*\*\***



### SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

#### Art Competition

November 16<sup>th</sup> - December 14<sup>th</sup>

Artist reception November 21<sup>st</sup> 12:00 pm

First place through fifth place

Five honorable mention prizes

Drop off date Nov.16 10:00am - 5:00pm

at the Southern Ute Museum

\$5 per entry, all styles, all works on paper must be framed.

SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM 503 OURAY DRIVE IGNACIO 81137  
FOR INFO: CALL 10 AM - 4:00PM 970 563 9583 EX: 3609

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEONARD C. BURCH

### ART AND LITERACY CONTEST

**Starts: Oct. 5, 2015**  
**Ends: Dec.10, 2015**

## THEME:

# LEADERSHIP

**CATEGORIES:**  
K-3 GRADE: ART PROJECT  
4-5 GRADE: POEM  
MIDDLE SCHOOL: 500-700 WORD ESSAY

**GRAND PRIZES:**  
K-BIKE  
1ST GRADE- NABI JR.  
2ND GRADE- LEAP PAD ULTRA  
3RD GRADE-LEAP PAD PLATINUM  
4-5 GRADE-RAZOR E200 ELETRIC SCOOTER  
MIDDLE SCHOOL- IPOD TOUCH

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is inviting all students to participate in this awesome contest! It's a celebration of the life of a great leader, youth supporter and overall visionary for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The contest is open to Ignacio School District K-8th grade students, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students, Pine River Learning Center students and all enrolled tribal member students K-8th grade outside of the Ignacio School District. All entries must pertain to the theme "LEADERSHIP"

Deadline to submit any and all work is December 10, 2015, at 5 p.m. to The Southern Ute Drum office in the Leonard C.Burch administration building or PO Box 737 #96, Ignacio, CO 81137. For more information or questions please contact Trennie Collins, Public Relations Coordinator at 970-563-0118 or [tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov)

**CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF A SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL LEADER**

## HALLOWEEN IS A SCARE IN IGNACIO



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Employees of Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe show their darker side and pose as the infamous members of rock band KISS.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

From the super cute to the super scary, winners of all kinds won the 0 to 5 age group Halloween Costume Contest. Seen here are some of the winners who walked away with prizes.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The face painting attraction was one of the popular booths at the Southern Ute Halloween carnival.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The 6-12 age group came out dressed in their costumes ready to compete for prizes given by Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Seen here at the winners.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The adult costume contest winners at this year's annual Community Halloween Carnival were dressed to impress with over 30 contestants.

**H**alloween was celebrated throughout the Ignacio Community, from the Community Halloween Carnival at the Sky Ute Casino resort, to the ELHI ribbon-cutting/open-house, which hosted a haunted house and costume contest, and the annual Southern Ute Tribe's Permanent Fund costume contest.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Chewbacca and mini-Darth Vader both made a friendly appearance and made temporary peace for the photo during the ELHI costume contest, Friday, Oct. 30.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Baby owl was the winner in a three-way tie in the Best Baby/Toddler category of the ELHI costume contest, Friday, Oct. 30 during the ELHI open-house.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Social Services Dept's "The Zombie Family" won first place the Tribal Council Costume Contest.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Eddie Box Jr. judges Veronica Lasater's "Anthem Lost and Found" costume during the Tribal Council Halloween Costume Contest on Friday, Oct. 30.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Bertha Box from the gaming commission glows in her dark kitten costume.



# HALLOWEEN POWWOW OF FRIGHT AND FUN



“And this is thriller, thriller nights...” as the song goes, and those brave enough to partake in the “Thriller” dance-off bust out their best moves in this thrilling contest. Cruella De Vil (right) was the winner of the contest.



Cruella De Vil and a princess, who’s names are being withheld as most participants were in costume, made their presence known as they enter during Grand Entry of the Halloween powwow.



Proud mommas in their costumes and their little monsters joined in the circle during Grand Entry of the Halloween Powwow.

**The Ignacio Intertribal Powwow Association sponsored a Halloween Powwow on Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility. The powwow hosted two drum groups, from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and a ghoulish array of guests. Musical chairs, a “Thriller” dance-off and costume contest highlighted the evening. A dinner was provided previous to the powwow.**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

A scary clown killer was seen dragging clown heads and looking extra gruesome, as he poses with an Indian-ninja, after winning for scariest costume.



Eddie and Betty Box always show up dressed to the nines, in this case donning Día de los Muertos makeup and costumes, customarily worn celebrating “Day of Dead” or “All Souls Day.”



Costumes were abound by many of those at this year’s Halloween Powwow.



The youth of the Ignacio community joined hands during the final round dance or ‘social dance’ ending the evening’s powwow.



# Happy Veterans Day! Thank you for your service.

## *Honoring vets with a song*



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Students sing the National Anthem opening up the Ignacio School District Veterans Day Concert.



The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and Lorelei and Chantel Cloud presented Paula Trujillo Lopez with a Pendleton Blanket honoring her for her service in the military. Issac Suina, SCSYAC chairman, shakes her hand thanking Lopez for her service.

Southern Ute tribal member Chasity Bean plays the song "Eternal Father" on the trumpet with the Afterschool Band, Tuesday, Nov. 10.

## *Veterans march in Durango*



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal veteran, Rod Grove (U.S. Army), marches in the Durango Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, Nov. 11.



Bruce LeClaire (U.S. Army) marches during the color guard ceremony along with his fellow veterans.

## *Membership memories*



courtesy Rod Grove

Southern Ute tribal member and Vietnam veteran, Roderick Grove at a firebase in South Vietnam in 1970. Grove was in Vietnam from August 1970 to October 1971.

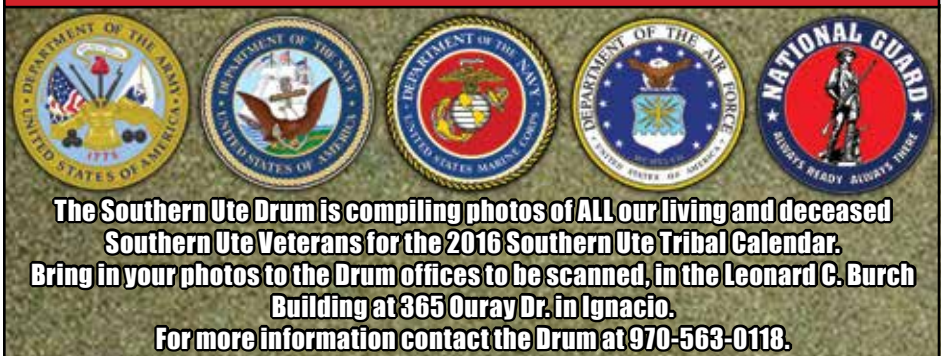


## *Veterans presence in Durango*



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal veteran, Rudley Weaver, marches with his fellow veterans on Friday, Nov. 6 during the color guard ceremony at Durango High School's matchup against the Rampart Rams from Colorado Springs.

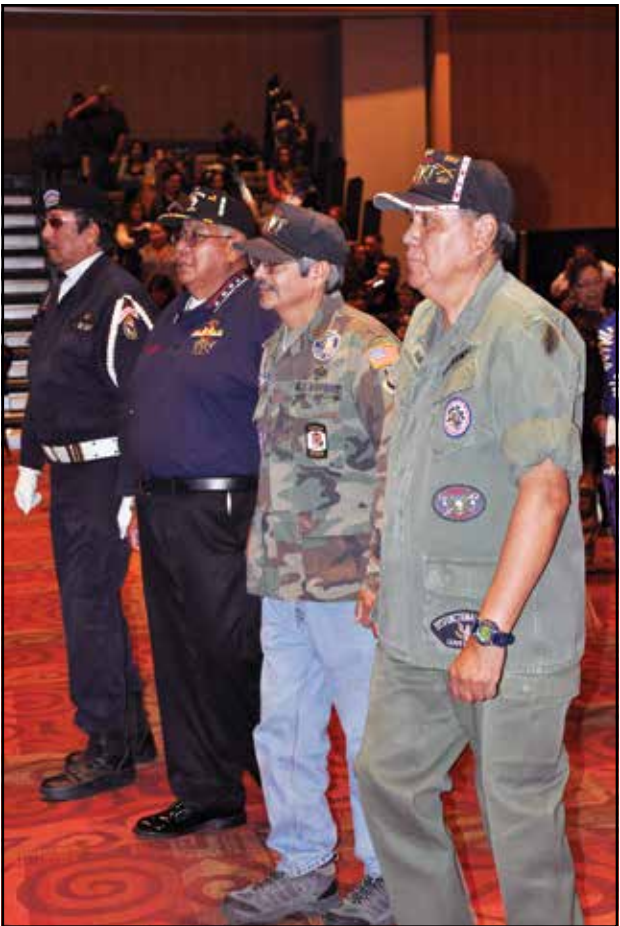




# Celebrating our warriors



The Color Guard for the annual Southern Ute Veterans Powwow brings in the various flags, of different tribes, and branches of the U.S. Military during Grand Entry.



Veterans follow the Color Guard into the Sky Ute Events Center during Grand Entry. Will Light, Ute Mountain Ute Casino Color Guard, and Southern Ute Veterans, Ronnie Baker, Gilbert Washington Jr., and Dewitte Baker.



Royalty of the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Tribes made their way forward to the head of the arena prior to their individual introductions and words of welcome.



Tiny tots – our future, make their way into the powwow arena during Grand Entry of the Veterans Powwow.



Miss Indian Colorado, Helaina B'ann Taylor took part in the Veterans Powwow as Royalty and a dance contestant.



Misty Ryder (right) was one of the women participating in the Women's Traditional dance special.

**The Southern Ute Veterans Powwow, took place on Saturday, Nov. 7. The annual event was held in the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center. The powwow welcomed back the Gourd Dance, after a two-year absence. Dancers from the 4 Corners Gourd and Southern Straight Dance Society took part in the gourd dance. The Veterans Powwow hosted many dancers, and served approximately 300 people during the supper break, filling the bingo hall to capacity.**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum

**SOBRIETY POW WOW**

January 2, 2016

Grand Entry: 1p.m. and 7p.m.

Sun Ute Recreation Center

290 Montezuma Circle, Ignacio, CO

**HOST DRUM:**

*Yellow Jacket*  
Ignacio, CO

**MC:**

*Sheila Nanaeto*  
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Round Dance, 2 Step, Cake Walk, Raffle and much more...

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OR  
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Head Woman, a representative of the Navajo Lady Warriors and Head Man, Austin Box salute during the singing of the National Anthem by Marlena Begay.



## ENVIRONMENT

## President's Environmental Youth Award

**Staff report**  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY

The President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth. The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Since 1971, the President of the United States has joined with EPA to recognize young people for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology. It is one of the most important ways EPA and the Administration demonstrate commitment to environmental stewardship efforts created and conducted by our nation's youth.

Each year the PEYA program honors a wide variety of projects developed by young individuals, school classes (kindergarten through high school), summer camps, public interest groups, and youth organizations to promote environmental awareness. Thousands of young people from all 50 states and the U.S. territories have submitted projects to EPA for consideration. Winning projects in the past have covered a wide range of subject areas:

- Restoring native habitats
- Recycling in schools and communities
- Construction of nature preserves
- Tree planting
- Installing renewable energy projects
- Creating videos, skits and newsletters that focused

on environmental issues

- Participating in many other creative sustainability efforts

Evaluation results consistently demonstrate that participation in the PEYA program is frequently a life-changing experience for many of the young people and their project sponsors.

In Spring 2015, the PEYA program was updated. The award portion was expanded to include awards for two age groups.

Applications are due December 31, 2015.

A regional panel will review applications from each of EPA's 10 regions. Up to two winners will be selected from each region – one for Grades K-5 and one for Grades 6-12.

## ANIMAS RIVER

## Water Quality Program updates Animas River status

**Damon Toledo**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The San Juan Basin Health Department hosted the first Animas River Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 1 in light of the recent contamination involving the Gold King Mine disaster in early August. Various environmental partnerships across La Plata County came together to provide updates on the contamination effects - including fish, wildlife, utilities, and sanitation. The Southern Ute Water Quality Program was present, providing information on how the contamination affected the Animas River, which flows through about 20 miles Southern Ute land.

"The reason we're here is to give the community a local understanding of what has really been going on with the spill. There's a lot of misunderstandings with how the spill has affected the different environmental conditions," said Curtis Hartenstine, EPD Water Quality Program Manager of the Southern Ute Tribe. "It gives the public better knowledge of how the spill affected the local environment (including agriculture and groundwater), not just the river."

Hartenstine provided examples involving stream insects that survive in the Animas River - most of which are intolerant to pollution,



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The mayfly larvae are one of the principal insects that live in the Animas River, where sanitation is critical for its survival.

and more sensitive to changes in the environment. These principal insects include the salmon fly, caddisfly larvae, stonefly, and mayfly larvae. Because they live off of fresh water, sanitation is critical for their survival.

Fortunately, all four of the stream insects were found living habitually in the Animas River without any harm, three months after the contamination. This is encouraging information that the spill has yet to show significant

environmental impact.

Hartenstine stated that the pH (measurement of acidic/basic water) is influenced by mine waste. Low pH cause metals to be toxic to aquatic life – when the pH rises, metals fall out of the solution and provides a more suitable environment.

"There's a lot of flushing throughout the Animas," he declared. "The next thing to do is monitor the long term impacts."

### Salmon give-away at Lake Nighthorse

Colorado Parks and Wildlife wants to let the Southern Ute tribal members know about the spawning/fish giveaways.

Fish giveaways are scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on November 13 and 20, and again December 4.

The fish will be donated at the boat ramp at Lake Nighthorse.

Southern Ute tribal members are NOT required to have a Colorado fishing license, however some form of tribal identification is needed. We encourage people to bring a small cooler or container.

# ATTENTION

## WATER USERS

### PINE RIVER INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT

#### MEETING @ SKY UTE CASINO

#### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 2015

#### 6 – 8 P.M.

## SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY

### BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION (970) 563-9484

### WAR-PARTY CLOTHING DRIVE • FROM PAGE 1

ory said.

"This clothes drive brought a lot of people together everyone was happily willing to give," Hummingbird-Red said. "I want to say thank you to everyone for helping make this a success."

The group is done for this year, but hopes to have the same drive next year.

#### THANK YOU'S

Donna Rock, Justin Maretas Lang and girls, Betty Box, Joyce Dutchie, James, Juan Romero, Kayla Armstrong, KSUT, Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, Jicarilla Tribe, Pueblo Community College, Ignacio, Durango, Animas Herbal, SunUte Community Center, David



courtesy Daisy Bluestar/War-Party Clothing Drive

The group photo shows those who helped load the second load of clothing that was delivered to Navajo Mountain.

Lopez, Rodney Red, Sky Ute Casino Resort, Southern Ute Tribal Housing Dept., Roots in Ignacio, Alicia, Angelo, Donovan, Sheila Nanaeto, Erika Howe, Gerald Howe, Kateri Largo, Ann Weaver,

Melinda Ortiz, Jake Ryder, Robert Baker, LaFayette Taylor, Tim Ryder, Betty Lehi, April, Dustin Weaver, Long Solider, John Hunch, and everyone else who generously donated.

# ELK TAG RAFFLE

## TWO CHANCES TO WIN

Raffle tickets will be sold through September 11th - December 29th, 2015.

Ages 12-24 will need to have their Hunters Safety License

Winner must attend a **MANDATORY** hunter meeting on Fri. Jan. 8th at 6PM in the Sky Ute Casino Events Center.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and are sold by BGC Staff or at the BGC Office in the lower level of Sun Ute Community Center

More information call 970.563.4753

Funds raised will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### DETAILS:

Hunt will take place on the Southern Ute Reservation in the Sandoval unit from January 9th-17th, 2016

One free guest allowed, additional guest requires an additional fee both require crossing permit which can be obtained from Southern Ute Wildlife

Winner will be chosen December 29th, 2015 and will be notified via phone immediately for more information.

Thank you for your support!

## Ignacio's

### Taste of an Old-Fashioned Christmas

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
5:00 – 8:00 PM  
Location at ELHI  
Evening Events

Light Parade 5:00 PM through town (Info call 970-563-4753)

Christmas Bazaar 5:00-8:00 PM: Booth (info call 970-563-4753)

Kids Photos with Santa 5:30-7:00 PM

Family Fun Crafts 5:30- 7:30 PM

Los Colores de Ignacio Dancers performing at 6:30 PM

Southern Ute Royalty

Horse Carriage Rides 5:30-7:00 PM

Kids receive a gift bag

Hot chocolate and cookies

Information on this event call 970-563-4753  
or email Lindsay Box at [lbox@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbox@southernute-nsn.gov) and/or  
Cassandra Sanchez at [casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov)

Event Sponsors

Ginger Bread House Contest: bring your homemade gingerbread house to enter in our contest. Prizes will be awarded. Public will vote.



IHS FOOTBALL

Bears break free from Cats in finale

IHS' Hall stars defensively in loss

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Caught about as DeMarcus un-a-Ware as a quarterback would ever dread, Jalen Balderrama paid for all his Oct. 30 successes with one vicious, straight-up – and legal – shot from Ignacio's Dustin Hall.

Already with three sacks of the Dolores senior between halftime and the resounding pop – with 7:31 left in the fourth quarter and reminiscent of former Bobcat Alex Lopez's leveling of now-junior Tristen Medina late in the 1A Southern Peaks Conference rivals' 2013 meeting on the same ground – IHS' senior defensive tackle provided all the boost the Bobcats could have coveted to overcome a 20-0 deficit.

Medina, however, would enjoy an incredible last laugh; recovering a wayward Zach Weinreich backwards lateral on the ensuing play after Hall's fourth-down hit, he set up a 4-yard Balderrama TD run three snaps later. And only two Ignacio plays after DHS kicked off, Medina intercepted Weinreich to set Dolores up at the IHS 21.

The resulting offensive series failed to produce points, but Medina had virtually predicted the Bears would find the end zone once more for maximum measure on Senior Night at the DHS Coliseum. And after the 'Cats went three-and-out and Colten Smithson punted, Medina pulled in a 22-yard score from Balderrama, and senior Tommy Nelligan nailed the point-after kick with 1:27 left in a 34-0 shutout sewing up both sides' 2015 seasons.

Lacking two-way regulars Lorenzo Pena and Tyler Beebe, Ignacio (0-9, 0-5 SPC) still managed to stay somewhat close to Dolores (3-6, 1-4) despite a ragged first quarter yielding the Bears' first 13 points.

Smithson's first punt was blocked with 7:03 left, and Balderrama then got the scoring started three plays and 1:10 later with a 24-yard keeper. IHS junior Stocker



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Almost recalling the famous Muhammad Ali-over-Sonny Liston 1965 boxing photo, Ignacio's Dustin Hall celebrates one of his multiple sacks of Dolores quarterback Jalen Balderrama (3) at DHS, with Cesar Corona (77) and Dalton Labarthe (87) coming in to join.

Robbins blocked Nelligan's PAT try, but on the third play of the Bobcats' next possession Medina picked Weinreich off and 2:37 later capped an 8-play, 48-yard drive with an 8-yard carry – giving Nelligan, who'd missed a 31-yard field goal ending the game's initial series, a [converted] chance at redemption.

Trailing by two scores, Ignacio then went three-and-out with freshman Isaiah Jacket given a quick stint under center. But after Smithson punted, Hall's first – of four total – sack cost Balderrama 14 yards and killed off DHS' maiden second-quarter drive. But in true rivalry fashion, Bear senior Josh McCoy responded in kind and sacked Weinreich for an 8-yard loss back to the Dolores 32 to halt IHS' first promising push after seven snaps.

And Dolores capitalized, with sophomore Talon Zwicker out-leaping freshman Lawrence Valdez to snare a 13-yard Balderrama TD toss on fourth-and-goal, finishing a 12-play, 68-yard march which sapped an important 6:18 off the clock and left Ignacio with only 58 seconds with which to work before intermission.

But they were productive, and after catching an 8-yarder from Weinreich on second down, Valdez flung an option pass to Robbins for a 17-yard gain down to the Bear 30 just before the buzzer sounded. And after a few minutes to regroup and rehear, then resume work at

their own 33 after receiving the second-half kickoff.

Aided by a recovery of a muffed Smithson punt at the DHS 45, the Cats sustained their best surge all the way down to the 25 before Weinreich was stopped on its eleventh play for no gain on fourth down and the Bears took over with 8:15 left in the third.

IHS did give themselves one final attempt at avoiding being bageled when Timmy Plehinger put enough pressure on Balderrama to force a pass intercepted by Smithson for a touchback three plays after Medina's latter INT. But three plays and a penalty later the Bobcats were bogged down at their own 14, Smithson then punted for the sixth and last time, and the Bears set up shop at the Ignacio 47 with 2:39 left in the clash.

Unofficially, Weinreich finished with 74 yards on 8-of-17 passing, but only two yards rushing on 11 tries. Junior Ethan Appenzeller gained 22 yards on five carries, but Valdez (5-32 receiving) was held to minus-8 on five. Robbins finished with two catches for 40 yards, Plehinger one for 12, senior Austin McCaw one for seven and Appenzeller one for one.

Due to large discrepancies between media- and team-tracked statistics – for example, this writer had Balderrama with 76 yards on 19 carries, the Bears reported 141 on 17 – Dolores' individual totals will unfortunately not be included in this account.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Shoshone Thompson (14) tries punching the ball over a Ridgway double-block during 2A-District 3 Tournament action, Oct. 31 at Dolores. RHS claimed that encounter in four games, and then swept IHS in three at 2A-Region G on Nov. 7.

IHS VOLLEYBALL

'G' whiz: Spikers stopped at regionals

V'cats finish 15-9, just miss State

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

One could have said that too much Ridgway – especially this season – would be a bad thing.

But after having faced the Lady Demons for a fourth time, and losing for a third to get the 2A-Region G Tournament underway at RHS on Saturday, Nov. 7, Ignacio redoubled their collective effort in hopes of getting a fifth try at the girls in green later that afternoon with a trip to the 2015 State Championships at stake.

In the Volleys' way, however, was Paonia. And unfortunately the Lady Eagles refused to let IHS get much closer than their 25-20 loss in Game 3 versus Ridgway, sweeping Ignacio 25-21, 25-20, 25-21 and halting IHS' exciting ride one weekend short of the Denver Coliseum.

Later victorious – by scores of 25-15, 25-13, 27-29, 25-21 – over RHS in the event's championship, PHS left Ouray County having improved to 21-4 overall. Ridgway dipped to 22-2 and the 'Cats to a finalized 15-9 after having also lost 25-18, 25-16, 25-20 to their 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rivals.

Ignacio's individual statistics had not yet been reported by press time.

Against the Volleys, the Lady Demons got a 19-kill, 12-dig double-double from senior star Kaitlyn Rutherford, and a 9-kill, 16-dig near-miss from junior Saren Robinson. Senior Brynne Skalla had seven kills and four digs, and junior setter Ara Norwood an



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Ellie Seibel (12) hammers a kill down the line against Mancos at the 2A-District 3 Tournament, Oct. 31 at Dolores. Third place at the event, IHS swept the Lady Jays 3 games to 0, after falling in four to the hosting Lady Bears and before losing in four to Ridgway--who they'd face again starting 2A-Region G.

impressive 41 assists and six digs.

Paonia junior Emily Pieper just missed a triple-double with 13 assists, ten digs and eight kills against IHS, and senior Taylor Carsten distributed 16 assists to go with seven service aces. Junior McKenna Hartigan had nine kills – matching senior Ashley VanVleet – and 11 digs, while VanVleet totaled a team-high four blocks.

Runners-up at the 2A-District 5 Tournament a week prior to traveling to Ridgway, the Lady Ea-

gles drew the #4 seed in the Nov. 13-14 State Championships' initial pool-play Round of 12.

D-3 winners RHS (Ignacio had placed third, with the tourney held at Dolores) received a wild-card nod and a surprising 8-seed, joining No. 1 Loveland Resurrection Christian, No. 2 Yuma, No. Lyons, 5-seed Greeley Union Colony, 6-seed Limon, Nov. 7 Cedaredge, No.9 Rye, No.10 Colorado Springs School, No. 11 Kiowa, and 12-seed Fowler.

Head Start guys breakfast



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start brought families together for a special breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 5, which consisted of a biscuit and sausage sandwich complete with sliced oranges and milk.

For more BOBCAT photos, articles and updates  
check out the Southern Ute Drum's website  
www.sudrum.com

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## TRIBAL OBITUARIES



### LISTER

Josephine Howe Lister died Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at her home from complications of a long illness. She was 68.

Josephine was born July 27, 1947 in Ignacio, Colorado. Her parents were Rosemarie Howe and Sylvia T. Valdez. She grew up and attended school in Cortez, Colorado, before marrying her now ex-husband. They had four children. Josephine and her family moved to Colorado Springs for a brief time before moving to Ignacio to live close to her extended

family, in 1975.

Josephine was a dedicated homemaker, who loved cooking and baking for everyone. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She also loved taking long rides and listening to music. She was a long time Denver Bronco fan. She was a member of the Southern Ute Tribe.

Josephine is survived by her current husband, Tony Lister, her father, Sylvia Valdez, stepmother, Barbara Valdez; her daughter, Danielle Hight, all of Ignacio; and her son, Robert Hight of Farmington, NM.

She is also survived by her sisters: Dora Howe, Marilyn Cotton, Venerita, Carole, Tina, Sylvianne and Sabrina Valdez, and Dana Esparza, all of Ignacio; and Marie Rivas, of Pagosa Springs; her brothers: Gene, Sylvian, Sherman, Bruce, John and Chris Valdez, and Daniel Weaver, all of Ignacio.

Josephine adored her grandchildren: Tiara, Marcus, Adelle, Tasha, Xavier, Justin, Akira, Robert, Milana and Ayana; her great grandchildren: Kieley, Ivan, Ezra and Anilah. They all survive her as well.

She is preceded in death by her two sons: Bryan and Patrick Hight.

A funeral service will be held Friday, November 13, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel. Burial will occur at Ouray Memorial Cemetery following services.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### IIPA HALLOWEEN THANKS

The Ignacio Intertribal Powwow Association (IIPA) held our first Halloween Powwow, Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. There was a great turn out for the event with many activities, which included: cake dances, musical chairs, costume contests and the adults even competed for a prize by dancing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." There were two drums in attendance and they did an awesome job,

very good music all evening that was enjoyed by all.

Thank you for attending the first Powwow of the IIPA, we appreciate all the donations for the dinner, prizes and head drum. Thank you to all the ghouls, monsters, ninja turtles, superheroes ...

Below is just a few names of people that donated to the cause, if we have missed or forgotten anyone, we are truly sorry and still very much appreciate your donation and support.

The Multi-Purpose Staff; Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk; Lena Atencio; Ramona Eagle; Jeanne Smith; Diana Olguin; Chris Mimmack; Karen Gilbert; Hilda Burch; Phyllis Escalanti; Anthony Box; Amy Barry; Mary Inez Cloud; Norman Lopez; Benda Watts; Willette Whiteskunk; Sharon Cloud; Ester Rima; Amy Barry; Cynthia Burch; Terry Box; and Marlene Peabody.

*Thank you,  
The IIPA*

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The Southern Ute Drum encourages letters from readers on any topic. We ask that letters be 500 words or less. Letters deemed to be libelous will not be published. Letters should be submitted by email to [sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov) by the end of the day Monday preceding publication.

## COMMUNITY WISHES

### CASSY, YOU'RE ONE!



Happy 1st Birthday  
to our little niece!  
We'll always  
be here for you!  
You hold a special place  
in our hearts;  
forever & always  
little princess!

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Nathan Strong Elk

**Job title:** TERO Division Head

**Description of duties:** Supervise employees in the Division, Advocate and stand up for Tribal member and Native American employee rights and preference on the So. Ute Reservation. Oversee and monitor all contracts on the reservation to ensure compliance with TERO policies and regulations.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family, reading and writing, hunting and fishing. Native American Culture activities and horseback riding.

**Family:** Married, four daughters ages 31, 30, 6, and 4 plus a son on the way.

**Tribe:** Southern Ute

**Additional comments:** I look forward to working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I am thankful for Grandfather (Creator) for my new position.

### Brandilyn Archuleta

**Job title:** Purchasing Technician

**Description of duties:** Assists with travel, P-Cards and other tasks as assigned.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family.

**Tribe:** Ute Mountain Ute Tribe



### DeWayne Todd

**Job title:** Southern Ute Tribal Ranger

**Description of duties:** Law enforcement and protecting natural resources for the Southern Ute.

**Hobbies:** Golf, motorcycle riding

**Family:** Married, five children



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I have your guidance, your warmth, your love, and your heart: someone who loves me unconditionally. Right or wrong. Love you Mama-Na!

*Dee, Ryan & Landyn!*



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY WIFE

I would like to wish my awesome wife a HAPPY BIRTHDAY on November 18!!! Thank you for the many years of happiness and may the Creator continue to bless you. I hope you have a great birthday and I love you.

*Your wife*

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS OUR LANGUAGE MATTERS!



## LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION COMMUNITY MEETING

### MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

NOVEMBER 18, 2015

1:30 – 3:30 PM

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## Holiday Tribal Office Closures

Nov. 26-27  
Thanksgiving

Dec. 10-11  
Leonard C. Burch  
Day

Dec. 25  
Christmas

## EARLY Drum Deadline

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Nov. 25  
Deadline:  
Nov. 19

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: [sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov)

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) Cedar Point Housing Initiative Professional Planning And Engineering Services

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Construction & Project Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 737 / 116 Memorial Drive  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-0138**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Professional Planning and Engineering Services to include: a drainage study, master utility report, survey, and engineering design for the Cedar Point Housing Initiative. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Housing Departments located at 15168 Hwy 172 in Ignacio, Colo. 81137 **until 2 PM MDT, on Nov. 19, 2015.** Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact

Vince Mirabal for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-4710 or vmirabal@southernute-nsn.gov. The RFP will be available on Oct. 22, 2015. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015 at 2 PM at 15168 Highway 172, Ignacio, Colo., at Tribal Housing Department. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## PUBLIC NOTICE Short Term Pasture Lease

The Short-Term Pasture Lease Application process will take a minimum of 3 weeks to process. Please plan ahead & apply before you need the pasture. There are three requirements, if you would

like to short term your pasture:

- Make sure you have adequate pasture.
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## PUBLIC NOTICE Input sought on Community Development Projects

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado (Region 9) is in the process of updating the La Plata County Community Development Action Plan (CDAP) and public comment is welcome. The document is a list of projects to be started or completed within the next two years, and the draft documents are available on-line at <http://www.scan.org/> for review **until Nov. 13.** The document will then be presented to the County Commissioners.

### The CDAPs are as follows:

- Projects with completion dates with a timeframe of two years or less.
- Projects are reviewed and prioritized by community groups, governments, citizens and stakeholders and then confirmed or revised by the appropriate county board of commissioners.
- Ranked and signed by each County's Board of Commissioners.
- Being listed in an approved Community

Action Plan is required for many state and federal funding sources.

- CDAP categories include, but are not limited to: public infrastructure, public services (education, healthcare & human services, fire protection & public safety, public lands, historic preservation, childcare, arts & culture, etc.), and economic development (business expansion & retention, development of infrastructure, tourism, agriculture, etc.), and housing.

Region 9 updates and monitors the Community Development Action Plans (CDAPs) for Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties in an ongoing cycle about every two years. Input has been received from numerous community members and organizations, but additional suggestions, edits or comments can be sent to Laura Lewis Marchino at Region 9 Economic Development District [laura@scan.org](mailto:laura@scan.org).

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

### CREDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY

The Tribal Credit Committee has an opening for a member. The committee member must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. Duties of the Credit Committee: Approve loans as required by the Declaration; Monitor compliance with Declaration; Monitor approved loan performance; Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are urged to submit a letter of interest to Matthew Morishige in the Tribal Credit Department.

### TWO ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill positions on the Ethics Commission: ONE vacancy for "Ethic Commission Member" (closes Dec. 30, 2015); and ONE vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" (closes Nov. 30, 2015). Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### KSUT BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

KSUT Board of Directors has one vacancy for a Native American Board Member. Interested KSUT Board of Director applicants send a resume to Robert Franklin at [bob@ksut.org](mailto:bob@ksut.org).

### MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its all-volunteer Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For an application and position description, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. Open until filled.

### ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There is one position open for a former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queen. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Open until filled.

### TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION (TERO) VACANIES

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking three (3) at-large Southern Ute Tribal Members and two (2) alternates who would like to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, which are compensation positions. Applicants must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member and possess the following requirements: Tribal member at-large who are not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund and who do not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. If you are interested in serving on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, please submit your Letter of Intent to the TERO Division by 5:00 p.m., Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) SunUte Gymnasium HVAC Replacement Construction Services

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Construction & Project  
Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 737  
116 Memorial Dr.  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-0138**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Construction Services for the SunUte Gymnasium HVAC System. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colo., 81137 **until 2 p.m. (MDT), on Nov. 17, 2015.** Proposals received after

that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or [atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## NOTICE OF MEETING Long Range Transportation Plan Update / Tribal Transportation Safety Plan

You are invited to a Tribal membership and staff meeting. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been working with local stakeholders, agencies, and the Tribal membership to improve transportation safety and efficiency on the Reservation. **On Nov. 17** we will hold the final Tribal membership and staff meeting for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update and the Tribal Transportation Safety Plan (TTSP). The meeting will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. and we

encourage all who can attend to do so. At the presentation, which will be held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, we will present both plans and then open the floor for comments, questions and concerns. The information we gather from the public, in conjunction with both plans, will have a direct impact on transportation and safety on the Reservation. If you have any questions, please call the Tribal Planning Dept. at 970-563-4749.

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Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

### Project Engineer – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, Colo.)

Closing date 11/18/15

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### PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, Colo.)

Closing date 11/25/15

Development and technical production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain applications, providing enterprise wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. This position will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain Management applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the technical benefit of system enhancement as well as the implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Business, or Finance is required. Bachelor's degree in another discipline may be considered with appropriate and relevant PeopleSoft development experience is required. Must have four years of PeopleSoft technical experience; including hands-on experience implementing/developing/supporting/troubleshooting the Financial and Supply Chain Management Applications. Demonstrated technical knowledge of PeopleSoft, including proficiency developing with PeopleTools 8.x is required. Must have ability to triage issues as they arise, review trace logs, understand SQL Server database SQL. Knowledge of PeopleSoft data model, PeopleTools Metadata structures and the interface to PeopleSoft application structure (tables related to each module) is required. Must have technical skills specific to PeopleTools 8.5x to include, application designer; application engine; PeopleCode; workflow; component interface; data mover; SQR and Cobol. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable by the Growth Fund vehicle insurance carrier. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

### Detention Sergeant

Closing date 11/16/15

Under general supervision of the Detention Lieutenant, assist in the planning, organizing, and reviewing administrative and staffing functions and activities in the Detention Division. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

### HVAC Technician

Closing date 11/17/15

Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

### Dispatcher

Closing date 11/19/15

Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

### Dentist

Closing date 11/23/15

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

### Crisis Caseworker

Open Until Filled

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$13.89/hour.

### Criminal Investigator

Open until filled.

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribal member only positions

### Cashier

Closing date 11/16/15

Position provides general clerical support to the Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable and Payroll offices, and serves as cashier. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

### Culture Department Director

Closing date 11/20/15

Professional management position with the overall responsibility for the formulation, planning, implementation and management of tribal language, cultural and historic programs

and various related activities. Provides direction, support, guidance, and general supervision to divisions and programs within the Department to promote and maintain the integrity and continuity of Southern Ute language, culture and history. Shall ensure all actions of the Department are based upon and effectively express the cultural values, principles and perspectives of the Southern Ute Tribe as a whole and ensuring the primary beneficiary of its actions is the tribal membership. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/annually.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

### Line Cook (Full-time)

Closing date 11/12/15

Preparation of the Al La Carte menu in the Shining Mountain Café and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trust worthy. High School diploma/equivalency. 18 years old+. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 6 months In-house training.

*\*Must be 21 years of age*

### \*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing date 11/09/15

Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Guest and employee safety on property. First identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. They must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have two years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Trainee position

### Full-Time General Manager Trainee

Closing date 12/11/15

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking applicants for the position of General Manager Trainee of the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Trainee position open only to enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and consists of a 4 year curriculum to advance the candidate to the position of the General Manager of the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The curriculum will include off-site advanced educational components such as: executive management/leadership training, evolution of economic thought, business creativity and innovation, social media marketing, human resources, followed by on-site on-the-job-training rotations throughout the property. Requirements and qualifications: Must be at least 21 years of age and able to obtain a Key Gaming License. Applicants will be subject to a pre-employment drug test, comprehensive background check including criminal history and past employment references.

Preferred qualifications: 4-year undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university, preferably in Business Management or Administration; Experience working in the Gaming Industry; Work history experience demonstrating a progression of increased duties and responsibilities; Strong written and verbal skills; and Positive references from all current and previous employers.



Jeremy Wade Shockley / Southern Ute Drum

Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

**Applications are available at [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org)**

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

## Quichas Apartment for rent

2BR/2.5 BA. \$473/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at [shey@sugf.com](mailto:shey@sugf.com). Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick them up in person at our Three Springs office, 175 Mercado Street, Suite 240, Durango, Colo., 81301 during working hours, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

## Your Input Is Valued! You Are Invited!



When?

November 17<sup>th</sup> From 3PM - 5PM



Where? The SUI  
Multi-Purpose Facility



The Long Range Transportation  
Plan Update (LRTP)



The Tribal Transportation Safety  
Plan (TTSP)



This Will Be The Final  
Membership & Staff Meeting  
Before Final Draft Is Accepted



Refreshments Will Be Served!

WHPacific





Al Roker visits Four Corners



courtesy Amie Hammond/Weenuche Smoke Signals

The famous NBC “Today Show” weatherman Al Roker visited the Four Corners Monday, Nov. 9 for the “Rokerthon 2: American By Storm” challenge. The challenge is to report the weather forecast from all 50 states and District Columbia the fastest.



Representing the Southern Ute Tribe was Southern Ute Royalty, Little Miss Southern Ute Krystyn Weaver and Southern Ute Brave Dewayne Hendren. Royalty joined sister tribe Ute Mountain Ute, and the Navajo tribe to represent the Native culture in the area.

Dancers bring African beats



courtesy/SU Cultral Center & Museum

Trey Pickett and his younger brother, Rasheed Pickett, taught a African Dance Class at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum on Friday, Nov. 6. Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students (above) loosen up with some dance lessons from Trey Pickett.

Culture Department  
November Beadwork Challenge

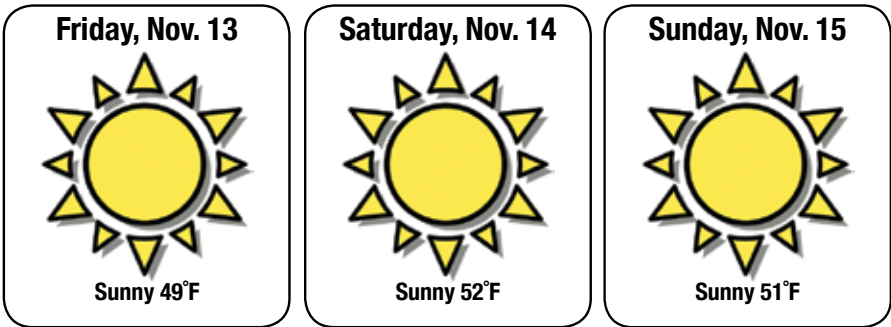


Participants are asked to bead a key chain, with the design and style of stitch up to the beader. The key chain can be peyote stitch, rosette either circular or outline, design and color up to the beader. Deadline for the entries is Friday, November 20, 2015

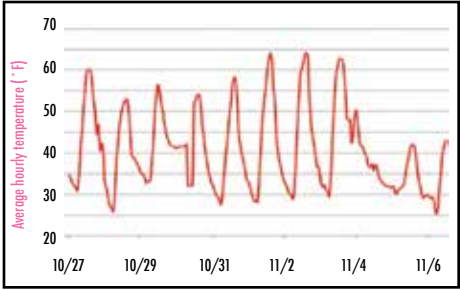
Please submit a photo of your completed beadwork to email [hwhite@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:hwhite@southernute-nsn.gov), or bring your project by and we will take a picture for you.

If you have any questions call the Culture Department 970-563-0100. EXT. 3620

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

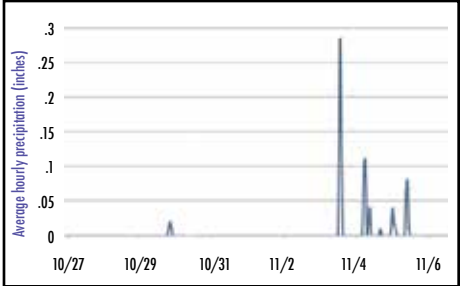


Weather data for October 27 – November 7



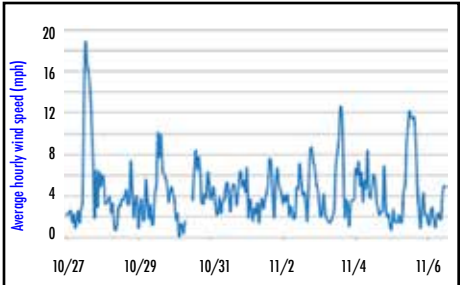
Temperature

High	64.0°
Low	25.3°
Average	40.8°
Average last year	43.0°



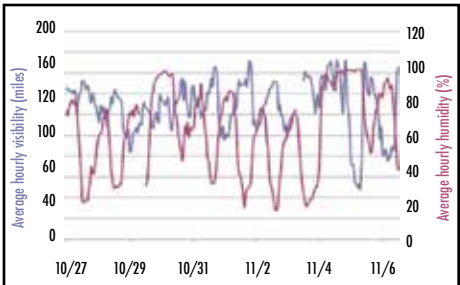
Precipitation

Total	0.990"
Total last year	0.620"



Wind speed

Average	4.3
Minimum	0.0
Maximum	18.8



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	127.9
Average humidity	63.4%

Air quality

Good  
Air quality descriptor: 33



Plan your event at  
Sky Ute Casino Resort

Located amidst the rugged beauty and scenic landscapes of the diverse Four Corners region, Sky Ute Casino Resort is the perfect place to hold your next event.

Our state-of-the-art Events Center and three separate flexible meeting spaces are ideal for any occasion. Banquet and Conference Center can accommodate up to 2,000 people for concerts, trade expos, motivational speakers, summits or similar events and approximately 800 for a sit down dinner.

Banquet/Conference/Events  
Center Amenities Include:

- LCD projector
- Portable projection screen
- Cordless microphone
- Lapel microphone
- Flip chart with pens
- Wi-Fi
- Laser pointer
- Dimensions\*  
John S. Williams Room – 30' x 26' – 780 SF  
Vida Peabody Room – 30' x 26' – 780 SF  
Bonny Kent Room – 33' x 30' – 990 SF

Hotel Amenities Include:

- 140 Finely Appointed Resort Rooms
- 8 Unique Suites
- 24-Hour Front Desk & Security
- Concierge Services
- Fitness Room with Showers
- Laundry Facilities
- Full Service Salon and Spa
- Indoor Pool with Jacuzzi, Bubble, Couch, Lazy River & Sun Deck

\*The John S. Williams Room and the Vida Peabody room can be opened as one; offering 1,560 square feet of usable space.



For more information contact our new sales team at (970) 563-1760 ask for Brian or Ryan.



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